

REMARKS

In this Amendment, claim 12 has been cancelled, and claim 22 (which formerly depended from claim 12) has been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope of claim 12 remaining unchanged.

According to 37 C.F.R. § 41.33(b), amendments filed on or after the date of filing an appeal brief may be admitted: “(1) To cancel claims, where such cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claim in the proceeding, or (2) To rewrite dependent claims into independent form.”

Here, claim 12 has been cancelled, where the cancellation of claim 12 does not affect the scope of any other pending claim. Moreover, claim 22 has been amended from dependent form to independent form, with the scope unchanged. Therefore, entry of this Amendment is proper.

Arguments against the final rejections have been made in an Appeal Brief.

Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (SHL.0343US).

Respectfully submitted,

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